

scheduled House Joint Resolution 96, the Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment; and H.R. 4019, the Permanent Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2002. The Speaker also advises me that he expects to be ready to name conferees for both the Bipartisan Trade Promotional Authority Act and the Securing America's Future Energy Act. So we anticipate scheduling these motions to go to conference next week as well.

I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would like to ask the distinguished gentleman if he could be more precise about which day the marriage penalty legislation will come to the floor.

Mr. BLUNT. It is anticipated right now that the Permanent Marriage Penalty Relief Act will come to the floor on Thursday, and the motions to go to conference on energy and trade are likely to happen on Wednesday, as will the tax limitation amendment.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, do we know when the prescription drug bill might be scheduled?

Mr. BLUNT. As the gentlewoman knows, we are considering this an important priority. The chairmen of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Commerce and Energy are working hard to get this to the floor as soon as possible. We do not anticipate that will happen next week; but hopefully, it will happen soon after that.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman think it will happen before the July 4 break?

Mr. BLUNT. I am hopeful that it will happen before the July 4 break.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, can the gentleman shed some light on when some of the appropriations bills will be scheduled?

Mr. BLUNT. Well, the gentlewoman and her colleagues are going to be working hard on appropriations. We need to get those bills to the floor. We do not have any ready to schedule yet, but we are eager to do that; and since we passed the President's requested wartime supplemental, we hope the full energies of the Committee on Appropriations now turn to getting bills to the floor and hope that happens very quickly.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the information.

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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY,
JUNE 11, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, June 10, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

NINTH BIENNIAL REPORT OF
INTERAGENCY ARCTIC RE-
SEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE TO
THE CONGRESS—MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Science:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373 (15 U.S.C. 4107(b)), I transmit herewith the Ninth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (February 1, 2000, to January 31, 2002).

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 6, 2002.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
HONORING PENNSYLVANIA NA-
TIONAL GUARD

(Mr. GEKAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in preparation of my introducing a resolution honoring the Pennsylvania National Guard.

All of us know the work of our National Guard components in our various States, but I did want to take extra time to point out some of the special duties that have been performed by the Pennsylvania National Guard, the largest in the Nation, by the way, and the Air National Guard in Pennsylvania, which is the fourth largest in the United States.

In very short time now, 2000 members of the guard will be positioned to move to Europe to assist in the NATO facilities in the various roles they have to play in that part of the world. Now, this is to say that that is just one duty.

They are also involved on the northern border of the Canadian border in NORAD, and many domestic sites. And in Afghanistan, the Air National Guard has performed various tasks that are very important to the entire effort in the war against terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I close with asking others to join with me in the resolution honoring the Pennsylvania National Guard.

HOUSE PASSES BILL PERMA-
NENTLY ELIMINATING DEATH
TAX

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that we did the work of the American people today. Americans believe that it is time to permanently eliminate the death tax, and this body took that confident step, they took that confident step today for the great benefit of the American people.

I can say this with great confidence since I spoke with many small businesses back in the great State of Nevada during the past week. Each business owner I talked to, such as those of Click Bond in Carson City, Nevada, stated they would have had to close or sell their business should anything have happened to them individually and the death tax had been reinstated. They praised Congress for passing last year's tax relief bill and pleaded we make the death tax elimination permanent so they can pass on to future generations their businesses and their farms.

Mr. Speaker, our permanently eliminating the death tax was the fair and right thing to do. No Nevadan, no American should have to mourn the loss of a family business and a loved one at the same time. I applaud my colleagues for doing what was right for the American people.

MAST ACADEMY REPRESENTS
FLORIDA IN COMPETITION

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, students from MAST Academy, a high school in my Congressional district, recently represented Florida proudly in the national "We the People, the Citizen and the Constitution" competition.

For the first time ever, due to hard work and diligent preparation, MAST Academy competed against 50 schools from every State in the Union.

I warmly congratulate the following students: Bianca Badia, Tanaz Berahman, Lisette Cabezas, Ama Campbell, Angela Casale, Christopher Cruz, Maria Cullen, Melissa Estape, Myriam Ferzli, Tina Fregeolle, James Gawley, Maria Guerrero, Jackie Lee,